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SUBJECT: GOU PRAISES US GSP, EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SHOES

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1. ON HEARING OF US DECISION NOT TO REMOVE LEATHER WEARING APPAREL, LEADING URUGUAYAN EXPORT TO THE US, FROM GSP LIST (REFTEL), GOU BUREAU OF FOREIGN TRADE SET UP A PRESS CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON US GSP TO HIGHWNOHT U.S. DECISION. IT SERVED ALSO TO ANNOUNCE STRONG TURNAROUND IN URUGUAYAN-US TRADE BALANCE TO FAVORABLE \$8 MILLION SURPLUS. EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPLANATION OF BASIC SYSTEM THROUGH THE PRESS. THIS PROVIDED OPENING TO DESCRIBE BOTH GSP SYSTEM AND ITC PROCESSES, EMPHASIZING THAT IN FIRST YEAR OF GSP, SUCCESSFUL PETITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM GSP LIST HAVE BEEN MINIMAL, DEMONSTRATING U.S. COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE.

2. EMBOFFS ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH QUESTION OF US REVIEW OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR IMPORTS. RECENT
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URUGUAYAN PRESS TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT COUCHED POSSIBILITIES IN TERMS OF "CLOSING" OF U.S. MARKET. CONCERN OVER THIS POSSIBILITY HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO EMBOFFS AT MINISTERIAL AND ALSO AT HIGH LEVELS. IN DISCUSSION QUESTION, EMBOFFS LIMITED RESPONSES TO QUESTION ON SHOES TO DISCUSSION OF FORMAL PROCESS OF DECIDING WHAT ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN WITHOUT EVALUATING ELEMENTS ENTERING INTO DECISION OR GUESSING FINAL OUTCOME. THEY DID STATE THAT

REALISTIC OUTCOME OF THE PROCESS WOULD NOT INCLUDE "CLOSING" OF THE U.S. MARKET.

3. PRESS TREATMENT TURNED OUT TO BE HIGHLY ACCURATE, EMPHASIZING FAVORABLE TRADE RESULTS WITH US AND ATTRIBUTING IT TO GSP WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. COMPARISONS OF GSP WITH EEC, JAPANESE SYSTEMS WERE EQUALLY POSITIVE. HIGHLIGHTED ALSO WAS CORRECTION OF IDEA THAT A CLOSING OF THE US MARKET TO IMPORTED SHOES WAS UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. (TRADE OFFICE OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBOFFS AFTER CONFERENCE THAT LOCAL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WILL SHORTLY FORMALLY EXPRESS CONCERN ON SHOES ISSUE VIA EMBASSY).
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